## OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

EPISCOPAL. -The Episcopal Church in Hanover, Mass., ras directed that no clerical robes except the

gown be used in its service. -The New York Post gives a list of about a dozen new Episcopal churches now going up in New York State. The largest is Christ Churca,

Buffalo, to cost \$150,000. -Rev. J. W. E. Bennett, of Frome, England, a leading ritualist, lately celebrated a mass for the repose of the soul of the late Bishop of Bath and Wells. In accordance with the Roman Catholic custom in masses for the dead, Mr. Bennett was the only one to partake (we can

hard'y say communicate) at the sacrament.

—The Kansas Diocese takes the lead among the Episcopalians in recognizing the ecclesiastical rights of women. At the meeting of the Kansas Convention this month two ladies and six gentlemen were placed on the board of examiners of the diocesan seminary, being the first instance in the country in which women have been elected to a diocesan office. They have always had a right to vote at the parish meetings of the diocese. The rectors of Law-rence and Leavenworth took the lead in these nominations.

PRESBYTERIAN.

-The Rev. W. G. Moorehead, returned missionary in Italy, has accepted a call to the pas-toral charge of the First United Presbyterian church of Xenia, Ohio, late under the care of Rev. Dr. R. D. Harper.

-The closing month of the financial year has brought the Treasury of Missions into a good condition. All the expenses of the entire year are paid, and there is a small balance on hand with which to enter upon a new year. -The Rev. Dr. Lausing has received from Mrs. Caroline Anne Gamble for the mission a

bill on her London baker for £250 (about \$1250 in gold), payable the first of July, for the Mission in Egypt. It was a welcome gift from an unexpected quarter. She is an Irish lady, and was travelling in Egypt with an invalid hus-

-At the communion in West Forty-fourth Street United Presbyterian Church, New York, on Sabbath, May 15, thirty-five persons were added to the membership of the church; thirteen by certificate and twenty-two by profession. At the communion four months ago, there was an addition of twenty-seven to the membership.

—J. C. Baldwin, Esq., of Madison Avenue
Presbyterian Church, New York, gave \$669,000

to various benevolent objects during the last fourteen years of his life; and by his will gives \$72,000 to various benevolent societies, and makes Williams, Wabash, Middlebury, and Hamilton Colleges residuary legatees.

-The remited Presbyterian Church lacks but 51 of having doubled its ministry since the disruption in 1838, and but 10,000 of having doubled its membership. This does not count in the Southern Presbyterians, who have 857 ministers and 79.961 members, and who have separated since then.

METHODIST.

-The receipts of the English Wesleyan Missionary Society last year were £145,750; expenditures a little less.

—The Methodist for May 22 reports the vote

on lay delegation as:-For, 4907; against, 1589; which gives a favorable three-fourth vote and a surplus of 35. —The Australasian Weslevan Methodist Church has just held its sixteenth annual con-

ference. Its membership is 55,556, an increase of more than 3000 over last year. -The sixteenth anniversary of the Broadway Methodist Church, Camden, will be celebrated to-morrow. Interesting addresses will be deli-

vered by the pastor, Revs. A. Atwood, A. Manship, C. P. Masden, A. Wallace, and others.

—The Southern Methodist Church is rapidly osing its colored membership; at least, it reports but 19,686 colored members, against 32,085 last in the colored conferences that have just been

organized. There are 2833 itinerant and 4753 local preachers, and 571,655 members. - On Saturday, 14th inst., the East Maine Conference gave 43 votes for lay delegation and 14 against; on Monday, the affirmative gained one vote, making 44 to 14. This brings the total affirmative to 4907, the negative to 1589, and the grand aggregate to 6496, and carrying lay delegation in the Methodist Episcopa

Church. -The growth of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, since the time of its organization in 1845, and of the Northern Church for the same period, appears from the following returns:-

M. E. Church South, M. E. Church, 1845. 1870. 1870 Conferences. . 2,646 4,753 Trav g Preachers 1,345 3,582 do. 10,340 .. 495,283 571,241 664,229 1,298,938 Members..... CONGREGATIONAL.

-The Congregational Church in Cheshire. Connecticut, received 41 new members last communion Sunday, as the fruits of a recent revival. Their ages ranged from the youth of eleven years to that of the aged grandparent.

—The Rev. S. B. Halliday, until recently
Superintendent of the Five Points House of Industry, New York city, has been appointed, at the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's special re-quest, to assist him in the discharge of the

pasteral work of Plymouth Church.

—The Oakland Congregational Church, of Chicago, is a year and a half old, situated on the outskirts of the city, and has just put up a beautiful and spacious church, with a splendid organ, with not a cent of aid from any other church or society, and installed last week its pastor, Rev. J. C. White, whose services, ever since the organization of the society, have been of so much value in assuring this success.

-The Kansas Congregational Association held a meeting May 13, at Leavenworth. The most exciting discussion was on the Bible in the public schools. Rev. Peter McVickar, the able superintendent of public schools, introduced a resolution to the effect that the reading of the Bible should not be insisted on where a minority is conscientionally opposed, and the opinion of the association was about equally

LUTHERAN.

-The increase of Lutheran congregations in Minnesota is quite remarkable. The Rev. A. P. Caderstaur, missionary on the Upper St. Crolx, visited several places, in a journey of two hundred and seventy miles with his sleigh, where there are from ten to eighty Swedish families and openings for organizing congregations. A certain Rev. Lammers, of Norway, some

years ago abandoned the State Church and organized independent congregations. These churches have not made much progress during this time. Last fall a movement was commenced to unite these churches by adopting articles of faith. It seems that the point of widest departure from the Lutheran Church is in the doctrine of baptism. They say: "Inasmuch as the Bible has not given any command at what time baptism should be administered, therefore we believe in liberty of baptism,"-i. e., to baptize, or not baptize, their

BAPTIST.

-The Rev. W. Freeman, Baptist missionary along the Pacific Railroad, is engaging houses in Chicago for different posts. One is under way for Laramie, and one will soon be com-menced for North Platte, and another for Fre-

-A Free Baptist (otherwise Freewill Baptist) educational meeting held at Great Falls, N. H has settled the question of locating the theological school, which has been under discussion for some time, by providing for two such schoolsone at Lewiston, Me., and one at ifilisdale, Mich. This gives the preference to the two institutions already existing at these places, and pleases both sections. Buffalo had been proposed as a compromise.

The Iowa Baptists appeal in the Watchman and Reflector for help to put Burlington University on a good foundation. The Baptists are stronger than any other denomination in this State except the Methodists; and yet they say that the Congregationalists, with Lat 8000 mem

bers, have at Grinnell the best college in the State, while the Presbyterians have just secured an endowment of \$75,000, and the Methodists have two flourishing institutions. They offer to allow any donor of \$10,000 to give his name to any professorship thus endowed, and the donor of \$50,000 to give his name to the uni-

CATHOLIC. -Rev. E. de Pressense tells in the Watchman and Reflector of two Oriental bishops who were sent for to see the Pope. Remembering the fate of their colleague, who was forced to sign a paper giving up his rights, they agreed to keep perfect silence during the interview, and could not be induced to utter a word. A few days after they were sent for again; and, remembering the old proverb, "non bis in idem" (uever the same dodge twice), they went to bed and feigned sickness.

—Father Gratry, of France, who has been exposing the "forged decretals," has been pelted with Papal and episcopal rebukes since his brilliant attack on infallibility. He takes them quietly, and says: - "They injure me, but they do not convince me."

# NEW-YORKISMS.

NEW YORK, May 28, 1870.

The Ninth Regiment Reception. The reception of the 9th Regiment, Colonel Fisk commanding, was celebrated last night at the Academy of Music. In some respects it was the most successful ball of the season-if a ball out of the season can be said to be so. Everybody was there. It was a compression of many balls into one, and all the elements present in most of the balls given during the winter and early spring were found united in the affair of last night. The man of sin and the woman of diamonds were there in large numbers. There was a good deal of opera ball, something of 7th Regiment, a pinch of opera-bouffe and a suspicion of Purim. The Academy of Music, where the entertainment was given, looked very beautiful. It was radiant with supernumerary lights, and profusely decorated with the badge of the regiment formed of blazing gas-jets. There is nothing particularly new to be said of the accessories. These are pretty much the same in all public balls. There were colored and perfumed fountains, varicolored lights, expensive tapestries, a shower of twitterings from caged birds, and incessant music from a very big orchestra. Description would be incomplete were mention of Colonel Fisk omitted. That jewelled and phlegmatic notoriety was present, surrounded by satellites and beaming with triumph. His broad shoulders were never more fairly and squarely set. As for his dress, I absolutely decline to describe it. I may have occasionally attempted themes far, far beyond the flight (if pens may be said to fly) of this Gillott I am writing with, but Mr. Fisk's costume shall not be one of them. Subjects there are which even the audacious shrink from touching. The privilege of portraying the Fiskian ensemble shall be sacred to the Gotham reporter who interviewed him. By-theby, every phase of Jenkinsism was represented. and I suspect that this morning's papers will

teem with a mantua-maker's inventory and the

names of persons with the vowels omitted.

Slowly Dying Out. Within a few short years the washerwoman will be no more. She has flourished quite long enough, and now the epoch in which she was ascendant is drawing to a close. Probably no other class of laborers ever made so much of an | Street, abov Third. opportunity as she has done of the chance of eating holes into apparel by an overweening quartity of washing-soda, and then declaring that the mice must have done it ere the garments left the customer's house. The want of conscience evinced by a metropolitan washerwoman is one of the saddest things in human nature. It all melts in the tub along with the indigo. The way she scorches fine linen, and sends home twelve-cent pocket handkerchiefs in lieu of hemstitched ones! The avidity with which she runs up bills and spreads out a dozen legitimate pieces so as to make them twenty! The thoughtfulness with which she leaves patches of yellow soap on the insides of wristbands and rubs the buttons off your flannel shirts and creates undarnable fissures in your hosiery and enlarges the circuit of your buttonholes! The pertinacity with which one of her infants, of which she has a constantly fresh supply, is always having the measles at the wrong moment, and causing your clothes to be sent home too days after they have been needed! And now these trials are coming to an end. They do these things better in California. John Chinaman is the washerwoman there. He banishes the women, and, with the exclusivism of a male Scrosis, establishes laundries for his own sex only. He frowns upon the conventional washboard, and abjures the patent wringer. He poetizes the labor as much as possible, and takes his solled linen to the river's brink. There amid the gritty music of a rapid stream paddling against the shore, he infuses sentiment into soapsuds, and in the process of rinsing discovers rhyme and rhythm. We are told that he washes clothes in gangs, bolls them up in gangs, hangs them out in gangs, and irons them in gangs. It is also hinted that he moistens muslin with his mouth, and renovates tarlatan with his tongue, and that he is peculiarly successful with colors that in most other hands would run. Well! there are enough Chinamen in New York city for the reformatory process to commence here at once. You will find quite a little colony of them below Vesey street, selling cigars and candles, and looking like reanimated mummies. I should not be surprised if we had a Mongolian wash-house soon. and all our soiled clothing were confided to Celestial renovaters.

"Music to the Air." I should think there was music in the air. There ought to be, with an evening band supplied to every park in the city. Not only in Central Park, but in Madison, Washington, and Tompkins Squares, bands are stationed. But as vet they have not been under the most sensible supervision. They have commenced playing, for instance, at 5 and ending at 7, the interval between being the very time when the working people, for whom these open-air concerts were instituted, are coming home from work and eating their suppers, and unable to appreciate the pleasure. It would be far better if the concerts commenced at 7 and terminated at 9. So far as the attendance goes, among people not belonging to the working classes, they have been a grand success. The principal listeners. to be sure, are bables, children, and loafers. The music has been Offenbach. Will the debt of gratitude which the people owe to that composer ever be paid? I fear not, except so far as appreciation is payment. Surely his Duchesse and Barbe Bleue must contain some magical elixir of sound, for the fagged masses lift their dejected heads when strains thence greet their ears, and the wayfarer's desert-soul blossoms like the rose. Some attempt has been made to cram classical music down the throats of the crowd, but the crowd gags at it, makes a face, and the attempt will not be persisted in.

Fashion and Feeling. As I remarked the other day, a good many Philadelphia Quakers are in town attending the meetings of the Hicksite society. Into the excrdiums of the speakers the agitating questions of the hour have found their way. The McFarland-Richardson trial and the bevy of social questions to which it gave rise, the condition of the Indians, the Fenian trouble, and even the plebiscite, have been discussed by these meek-moralled counsellors. At the close of one of their meetings a day or two ago, a fashionably-dressed young lady stepped hesitatingly up to one of the matrons.

"Will you let me shake hands with you?" she The withered old woman regarded the sweet

yeung thing with tender compassion, and then extended her myriad-wrinkled hand. "This is the first time I was ever at any place

like this," exclaimed the sweet young thing. "I feel as if it was good for me to be here; as if, perhaps, some day, I might like to become one

of you myself." "Thee is not a member, then?" asked the old Quakeress, her compassion melting into a sort of happy mournfulness.

"No: and if I wanted to be, I suppose I should have to leave off these vanities?" This in a tone of comical self-pity, and with

an injured look at her expensive clothes. "Just as thee feels about it, my dear," was the response, and as the young lady sighed and turned away, the Quakeress looked after her as Christ might have looked after the young man of great possessions.

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